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SUBJ: EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE COVERAGE IN NEW YORK CITY

REF: USUN 295, USUN 6668

1. USUN HAS AGAIN REVIEWED THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE COVERAGE IN NY CITY AND REQUESTS THAT EXISTING COVERAGE AT MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMATIC AND OBSERVER MISSIONS BE CONTINUED FOR THE NEXT 90 DAYS, AT WHICH TIME A REVIEW WILL BE IN ORDER.

2. EVENTS IN NY CITY OVER THE PAST SIX WEEKS INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF THE MIDDLE EAST DEBATES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH WERE ATTENDED BY THE PLO AND BOYCOTTED BY ISRAEL, PROVED WHAT HAD BEEN PREDICTED; NAMELY, THAT THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL, AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS ARE CAPABLE AND WILLING TO PERPETRATE SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR OBJECTIVES.

DURING THE PERIOD OF THE DEBATES THREE UNEXPLODED BOMBS WERE FOUND AT THE UN, TWO MORE AT THE IRAQI MISSION, AND ONE ACTUALLY EXPLODED AT THE POLISH CONSULATE. IN EACH INSTANCE CREDIT FOR PLACING THE BOMBS WAS TAKEN BY THE "JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE" WHICH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE JDL DESCRIBES AS "AN OFF SHOOT OF THE JDL". THE

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FBI DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS AND

PLACES THE BLAME FOR THE BOMB INCIDENTS WITH THE JDL.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE BOMBS WHICH WERE LOCATED, NUMEROUS BOMB THREATS WERE RECEIVED AT THE UN AND VARIOUS MISSIONS, INCLUDING THE US. THE AMBASSADOR TO THE UN FROM LEBANON WAS TOLD IN AN ANONYMOUS CALL THAT HE WOULD BE KILLED IF HE APPEARED AT THE UN DURING THE DEBATES, AND THE NY CITY POLICE DEPT PROVIDED HIM WITH PERSONAL PROTECTION AND PROTECTION FOR HIS HOME FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE DEBATES.

4. THE RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATES PROVIDED NEW YORK CITY WITH THE FIRST INSTANCE OF MUSLIN ARABS CONFRONTING CHRISTIAN ARABS IN COUNTER DEMONSTRATIONS. THE ROLE OF THE PLO ARMY IN THE LEBANON CIVIL WAR WAS THE OCCASION FOR SUCH A CONFRONTATION. THIS RIVALARY IS NEW TO NY CITY. IT IS A HIGHLY VOLATILE ONE AND ADDS ANOTHER DIMENSION TO THE SECURITY PROBLEMS OF ARAB ESTABLISHMENTS HERE.

5. THE PROSPECTS FOR A LESSENING OF ACTIVITIES AGAINST ARAB DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN NY CITY FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ARE NOT PROMISING. RABBI MIER KAHANE OF THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE IS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE FROM FEDERAL PRISON JAN 30, 1976. HE PROMISES TO CONTINUE AND ESCALATE JDL ACTIVITIES IN NY AND HAS ALREADY SCHEDULED A RALLY AT THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT CENTER FOR JAN 31, 1976 TO PROTEST THE "RECOGNITION BEING OFFERED THE PLO".

6. USUN REQUESTS THE PRESENT EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE COVERAGE AT MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN NY CITY BE CONTINUED AND THAT IT BE REVIEWED IN THREE MONTHS TIME. WE BELIEVE IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT NONE OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED BY EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE, ESPECIALLY SUCH LIKELY TARGETS AS THE PLO AND ARAB LEAGUE OFFICES, WERE NOT HARRASSED OR CHOSEN AS TARGETS FOR BOMBS. ON THE CONTRARY WE ARE CONVINCED THE COVERAGE BY THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE IS A DEFINITE DETERRENT TO SUCH ACTIONS.

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8. USUN UNDERSTANDS AND CONCURS THAT EPS COVERAGE AT THE
MISSION AND CONSULATE OF IRAN IN NY CITY WILL CONTINUE
THROUGH FEB. 6, 1976.
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